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If our friends who favor us with many prigts and illustrations for publication wis a have rejected articles returned that a all cases send stamps for that purpose. TELEPHONE, BEEKMAN 2200.

"The Next Step?"

One week ago this morning Ameri cans were saying, everywhere from Maine to California, "We are behind you, Mr. President!" This morning, seven days later,

Americans are beginning to say, "We are still behind you, Mr. President. Are you going to step on us?" And so the country waits for the

Meanwhile the war blockade on American commerce seems to be mearly complete.

More Unneutrality?

The customs authorities put in force resterday, on orders from Washingon, a rule under which the Federal Government withdraws from the public, including bomb planting practi tioners of frightfulness both amateur and professional, information con cerning the departures, cargoes and destinations of ships leaving this harbor, and, we suppose, other Amer

The purpose of the Government is means to the safety of those who go down to the sea in ships.

We shall be told that this act is neutral. We are grateful to the Government for abandoning a neutrality that made us partners with murder ers of men, women and children.

If there is anything else that can be done to hamper the assassins that now infest the ocean we hope the Gevernment will do it promptly and

The Arming of American Merchant

If German submarine commanders have received instructions to sink "all ships" coming into the "blockade zene," what protection would be afforded by guns on American merchant ships sailing for Entente ports? Would the guns, however skilfully manned, defence against torpedo at-The Minister of Labor in the British Cabinet, WILLIAM Hopge, is On a Possible Need of Larger Dockquoted as saying that "there is nothan armed liner or tramp steamer, because it means shells and still more He adds triumphantly that out of seventy-eight adequately armed ruthess warfare began on February 1. How many of the seventy-eight merchant ships were sighted by the enemy submarines Mr. Hopge does not and cannot say.

It must be understood that if the United States refuses to limit merchant ship sailings to the number permitted by Germany, to have the hulls painted in three red and white vertical stripes and a large flag "checkered white and red" displayed besides the Stars and Stripes, to compel the vessels to take a prescribed course and go to a prescribed port of destination, and to guarantee that no contraband is carried. then American merchantmen must run the risk of destruction on entering the "blockade zone." This means, unless Germany makes special concessions to American shipping, that there will be no visit and search, and that the German naval commander will carry out his orders to sink without warning. The United States, of course, will never submit to the conditions by which the German Government seeks to restrict the navigation of the seas by Americans.

We shall live in a fool's paradise if we believe that arming a liner will save her from destruction or diminish greatly the risk of it. If the British Minister of Labor assumes. submarine will be visible to the merchant ship and afford a target to her testimony of Captain W. T. TURNER at the inquest, and a sharp lookout was kept, but the great ship was struck by a torpedo of which the wake was seen, but not the submarine that fired it. Not even a periscope was observed. The liner Persia sank off Crete in five minutes (also in broad daylight) after she was hit by a torpedo launched from an unseen submarine. A score of other cases might be cited.

It is not necessary for a submarine to come to the surface to discharge her torpedo, unless she attempts to sink the merchant ship at long range; ment was having his coffee served by and it is reported that some of the later German undersea boats can lo-

water, a device for scanning the sea being fitted into the couning tower. months of the war the British warships Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy were torpedoed at close range, and the lookouts were not aware of the presence of the submarine.

The truth is that the best protec tion against the submarine is a high rate of speed by the merchant liner or freight ship. If the Lusitania had been moving at her maximum speed of about twenty-five knots, and not at reduced speed, she would have escaped. There are cases of merchant ships that have used a gun and by taking a zigzag course have got away from the submarine which was firing shells at the merchantman. But it is not the intention of the un dersea boats engaged in the new and greater frightfulness to show themselves above the surface. They will be able to approach close to the victim and unseen discharge the torpedo, which should rarely miss the target. Guns mounted fore and aft on the neutral liner or freight ship could return shell for shell with the submarine awash, but there the chance for escape seems to end.

Not even warships acting as convoy would be sufficiently protective. It is crossing the Channel have always deremembered that the course is laid through steel nets, which keep out the enemy's submarines. We would of course urge that American liners sailing for French or British ports have the protection of guns mounted fore and aft. The opportunity might come to use them effectually in the "block ade zone," but it would be fatuous to expect too much of the protection thus afforded.

The Effort to Bleach the American

Washington despatches report con erted efforts to commit the President and Congress to a policy of peace, no matter what happens. Form telegrams are used, or some one sends a elegram and hundreds of other perto contribute what it can by this sons lend their names as indorsers thereon. The influence of WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN is seen, and the cir culars and advertisements of peace at unneutral. In our opinion it is un- any pricers are perused. No voices are heard. There are times when it seems wisest to these people to work partly under cover.

We have yet to learn of a similar propaganda to rush the country headlong into war; but if there were such an effort we know what would be said about it. The business would be char acterized as monstrous.

Could it be more monstrous and in human than the present effort to get the President and Congress to surrender American rights at sea and to consent to the loss of any number of the retiring age within a few years. American lives and the destruction of any amount of American property? What could be so calculated to give aid and comfort to a possible enemy as that? What could be so treacher ous to the American flag?

ing Facilities.

The Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce reports that American shipyards have under construction or ordered 682 vessels, of which 415 are to be steel ships from merchantmen enemy submarines have private yards; and of these four hunbeen able to sink only six since dred-odd ships 316 of 1,078,500 tons are to fly the American flag.

Where? In American ports?

People Who Live in Advertisements. The advertisement artist is above all an idealist. He knows the propensity of his fellow man to admire, envy and imitate the persons fortunate enough to enjoy the commodity which he seeks to advance. Therefore he draws familiar types, slightly ployers would like to have us do. The 14 but under legal age. esult is that the people of the adwho have fallen into the hands of have been entitled on retirement. decadent artis.s, and these are few,

be normal. has the new solarium. He keeps a served the church. record of each of his 36 by 4 tires and gets out of a gallon. At the fancy ball he appears as Charles I., whom is 43 years old, favors universal service, and no longer parts his name in

the middle. The young man who is reading the as he seems to do, that an attacking Encyclopedia Ruritania while the spooks of a dozen famous intellectuals beam upon him is the beau of guns, he displays ignorance of the the young woman who lives in the devices of "submarine warfare," house that Spriggs had to sell when When the Lusitania was sunk "the the slump came in International Shoeweather was clear," according to the strings. He, the reader, is a credit man in a fobbing house. Secretly he

studies a foreign language. It is certain that the oldish man listening to the phonograph is, between all parishes pay and keep on paying. 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., the bank officer who wipes his glasses while he is tell- into an agency administering pening you that while the note may be renewed in full this time a large reduction of its face will be expected at its next maturity. He is distantly recigar while operating the player plano in the solftude of his luxurious apartment. Months ago, before he bought the plane, the bachelor's sole amusean old butler as he sat in his underwear of the better sort.

periscope above the surface of the see a happy family, well and favorably known. They live in that house in Galumph Terrace, \$4,000 down and son, who is also secretary of the The submarine lurks just under the the balance same as rent. It is American Institute of Actuaries. The surface in ambush, as it were, and bruited about that they are to have treasurer of the Church Pension Fund she is of course invisible to the un- a butler who will mow the lawn. The suspecting victim. Moreover, a peri- oldest daughter has a Hudson seal scope presents a very small target, coat trimmed with kolinsky. The even to expert gunners. In the early youngest is going to college. The son works in a bag factory and carries his lunch in what is supposed to look like

a camera. Those two ladies leaning over the rall of a steamer bound for the troples are mother and daughter, spending a part of certain insurance moneys. They have heard of the possibility of engagements at sea. The daughter will look exactly like the mother, her intimates say, when she is older. Before that evil day she may marry the young man who is seen rolling his own cigarettes as he emerges from the Metropolitan Opera House, the mould of fashion and the

personification of American economy. Plush John, that old fellow with the gray mustaches who philosophize as he smokes a pipe, is a friend of long standing. He is the janitor of a walkup apartment house on Jersey City Heights, the driver of the bus for the oldest hotel at Purple Springs, the man who told JAKE KIL-BAIN how to fight JOHN L.: he is legion. Outside the picture he will accept a clear

Well we all know the young couple who lean toward each other over the breakfast table. They may be riding true that loaded British transports on the Twentieth Empire Unlimited, basking in the rays from Black's livered their troops, but it must be White Enamel Paint, or eating Desic cated Dough. They are the J. Barkley Greanes, as you know, and they have not yet begun to fight; but give them time, their friends say, give them time. Their wedding cost \$1,367. and heaven knows where the bride's parents got it.

> We shall not attempt to identify the motoring family and their fox terrier, for they are everybody who rides or longs to ride in a Supersensitive Seven; and the pen falters and falls at the very thought of attempting to classify, according to type, the efficient illustrations of wearers of cer tain garments, notably those which, at least within the last half century, were supposed to contain whalebone.

> A Church's Scientific Pension Plan. The announcement by Bishop Will-AM LAWRENCE of Massachusetts that \$5,000,000 is assured by March 1 for the Episcopal pension fund is a nota ble event in church history in Amer ica. The success of the plan to pension Episcopal clergymen is thereby assured, and the event has much significance for all other religious de nominations throughout the country. What the Episcopalians are doing others can also do.

The \$5,000,000 which Bishop Law RENCE and his associates have raised in one year was necessary to effect immediate pensioning and to take care of the clergymen who will reach There are 711 clergymen who are over 68 years old and are eligible for pensions at once. When put in effect the pension system will take care of these men and all others as they reach 68 with annual payments of salary received in the past. Other

provisions are: abled two-fifths of his average salary for the last five years. If he is disabled for life he will receive that pension while he lives, no matter at what age he was disabled. In all cases he

receives not less than \$600. To provide for the widows and minor children of clergymen. The widow is to receive half of what her husband would have been entitled to calculated from the date of marriage but not less than \$300 on condition she was married to her husband be

fore his retirement on pension. To provide \$100 a year to the widow for each child under 7, \$200 a glorified, with the idea of showing us year for each child between 7 and 14. to ourselves doing whatever his em- and \$300 a year for each child over

The total pension to a widow and vertisements are as recognizable as orphans is not to exceed the sum to eighbors. We know all except those which the clergyman himself would

A clergyman's pension will repre sent one and a quarter per cent, of his average salary for each year of The pleasant, good looking man service. Thus for a man ordained at in the telephone advertisements is 28, the average age, and retiring at known to everybody who travels on 68, it will represent half of his averthe 8:18. He lives in the house that age salary for the forty years he has

The initial fund of \$5,000,000 hav can tell you just how many miles he ling been raised, what is necessary to insure the pension system's perfect solvency? Merely this, according to he does not in the least resemble. He its authors: That each parish shall contribute annually hereafter 7 per cent. of the rector's salary to the Church Pension Fund. If a parish falls short of this assessment the pension payable to the rector is corre spondingly cut down. Thus delinquent parishes cannot imperil the pensions

of others. Under the rules of the church n compulsion can be put upon a parish to make it contribute to the Church Pension Fund. The real test of the fund's success will therefore come when it is seen whether all or nearly or whether the fund is to decline sions for a few churches only.

A word is necessary upon the sound ness of the pension system here outlined. It should suffice on this point lated to the bachelor who smokes a to observe that the Church Pension Fund was incorporated in this State and voluntarily put itself under the jurisdiction of this State's Insurance Department. The actuarial work was done by an expert who has performed such work for the Federal Government, HEBBERT D. BROWN of Washcate their prey without showing a stround the pictured radiators you ington, and is vouched for by the

chief actuary of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, Robert Henderis J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

Mr. Edison, according to reports which we delight to believe, celebrates his birthdays by working only twenty-four hours thereon, his practice on other days being to put in twenty-five hours at the bench. He is one of the pioneer daylight savers, accomplishing his economies without the aid of a deceiving timepiece or statutory enactment. We rejoice in his energy, his iconoclasm-he is never satisfied with anything as it is and we accept thankfully the numerous boots he has conferred on us.

If Mr. Enison should pop up with a bill for everything he has done for everybody its total would make the cost of the war look small. But he does not seek his reward in money. His delight springs from consciousness that he has made living easier. pleasanter and better than it was yes terday, and he labors unremittingly to improve to-morrow to an even grenter degree.

Go to the Edison, thou dreamer, and see what a regular man can do!

There is, we take it, a certain new noral grandeur in watchful waiting to be kicked into war.

I cannot forget that we had troubl ith England in 1776 and again in 1812.

But Mr. Moore has forgotten that he United States and Great Britain had made preparations to celebrate a hundred years of peace when the first shot in the war in Europe was

Would not the peace or war refer ndum of the Hon. ORCAR CALLAWAY of Texas collide with a power given to Congress in Article VIII. of the Con-

REVIONLOW SPORN of Pittsburg, who as been trying unsuccessfully for fifty-three years to recover six months pay for service in the army in the war and offers to give amount to any national defence fund if Congress will liquidate his knows how to strike when the fron is hot. As the old gentleman is desperately poor and as patriotic as he is poor, it would be a mighty mean Conress that gave him the cold shoulder for the fifty-fourth year.

With loose milk reduced to eightents a quart, undelivered, the question will rise in many households as o whether the upstairs girl or th scond man should go for it: whether the custodian of the pail should walk or use the limousing

So far as the United States is con cerned, every possible facility and cour-tesy has been shown Count von Bern-storff, and the German Government was fully advised by wireless of all the circumstances connected with the handcircumstances connected with the hand-ing of passports to the German Amssador. - Secretary LANSING. Count you BERNSTORFF will be glad

o testify to the courtesy and consideration shown him by the United States Government. Never was a diplomat representing a nation at treated better by a neutral Governnent striving to hold the balance true under conditions of constant difficulty

The estimate of the Whitney com \$600 to \$2,000 each, according to the victims in this State does not include those persons who lulled themselves into the belief that the United States could never get into the war.

Fifteen men last night at the Nationa after a conference of several hours, an clation to further the plan to take city dwellers back to the country. Included in the group were bankers, architects, builders, landscape and sociologists.-From the

We thought all the sociologists were bent on living in jail this year.

The legislative committee investigating the motion picture business was told last week that "brains were to success therein. Students of the screen drama have frequently had this fact impressed on

Certain residents and land owners on Rockaway Point are protesting against the erection of a fortress in their neighborhood because of the damage that may be done by concussion resulting from discharge guns. The inconvenience will be considerable, it is true; yet most of Uncle Sam's nephews and nieces would rather endure it than leave the way open for a hostile warship to drop shells on the roofs of their homes.

Women will wave banners to prov Weaving bandages would be least as effective.

The Old Adventurers to the New. Here is greeting to you, kinsmen, When the Strange Waves rose about 1

And our barks sped on and on! New worlds beckoned, went we forward Nothing daunted by the shadows, Nowise blinded by the sunlight: Where the gods go we have gone.

Under Bifrost and the rainbows Frosts of Nifiheim have laughed at. And the fumes of Muspellheim. Glows the Tree of Light, Yggedrasil,

The old Ash Tree of Existence;

What to us are forms still changing? What to us are space and time? Here's to Odin, Thor and Freys, Where the fjords are dark and frozen And the Maelstrom roars unceasing

Here's to Aztec and to Maya And the sapphire Caribbean Of the warm and tender south

With the whirlwind in its mouth!

Here in-Skol!-from all the kinsme have sailed with you forever, Who have sailed with you fo And forevermore companion Wheresoever you may be, We who rose from Urda's Fountain.

Who have forded the Twelve Rivers. And have crossed the foaming waters Of the far eternal Son!

NOT TO BE DRAMATIZED.

TWO PARABLES.

Texas, Awalt an Overt Act.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

from which yantage points they are no

pearing the crashing glass of the window

panes shattered by flying bullets, which

The Mayor declines to permit the

Sheriff to clear the town of the bandits.

but, according to common report, is wait-

ing for an overt act. The inhabitants

to terminate the state of terrorism, are

about to draw lots to select the victim

permit the Mayor's construction of the

law to be saved from ridicule. It is

thought that another week will see the

law violated in some form of which the

How a Certain Man Tried to Invoke

Police Protection and Falled.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: After

midnight last night I heard a noise out-side my bedroom window, so I got up

and listened. I heard two men discuss

ing plans for entering my home and rob-

"If the old man sets in your way shoot

I slipped to the telephone and quietly

"No." I said tremblingly, "but they

are in the dooryard talking over ways

and means and are threatening to kill

the line open, and when the robbers get

the word and we'll send a patrol wagon

But I didn't follow this advice: 1

called some neighbors and the burglars

THE WAR: A-Z.

Being a Revised Edition of "Austria's

Army Awfully Arrayed."

An Austrian Archduke, assaulted and as

Causing consternation, confused chaotic

Diffusing destructive, death dealing de

England engaged earnestly, eager every

rance fought furiously, forsaking foolish

Great German garrisons grappled Gallio

Hohenzollern Hussars hammered, heavy

Infantry, Imperial, Indian, Irish, inter-

Jackets Jaunty, joking, jesting, jostling

Laid Louvain lamenting, London lacking

Mobilizing millions, marvellous mobility,

ligarchies olden opposed olive offering.

russia pressed Paris. Polish protection

Quaint Quebec quickly quartered quetidian

Renascent Russia, resonant, reported regal

Scotch soldiers, sterling, songs stalwart

lison's warnings wasted, world war wild

Yorkshire's young yeomen yelling youth-

Did Goethe Say This?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

Can your readers tell me if this

Custom House.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., February 10.

ting up in bed reading and smoking.

said, T want to introduce you cousin, Major James J. Lampton, H

Indiana Calisthenics

From the Terre Haute Tribune

An Up State Surmise

From the Utica Observer

Perhaps after all we have had visit from the Deutschland.

Family.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

ROBERT B. LAWRENCE.

AN AMERICAN,

United States urging unarmament

Xenian Xanthochroi Xantippically

SCRANTON, Pa., February 8.

"Zigzag Zeppeline, Zuyder Zee."

ion will make him a monster

New York, February 10.

ecret service?

son, of Richland, Mo.:

nonentities, numerous nobility.

guard.

mingling.

ing knight.

light.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir.

ice to your house

"Sorry," said the officer, "but you hold

him, and if the children and wife make a

called up a police station. The

"Are they in the house yet?

us if we get in the way or object."

NEW YORK, February 10.

noise choke 'em to death."

in charge said :

CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 9.

GUSTAV BISSING

who is to venture forth to be assass!

the Inhabitants of Peaceville.

All day, beneath the mask of po-liteness, the Japanese valet had toiled in the American house. Midnight came, the master was asleep, and the valet was free to do as he pleased until morning. Putting on his over coat and derby he slipped out of the big house and hurried toward a less fashionable residence district. Silently he went up the steps of an old brick se and tapped thrice at the door, which swung open and let him in. Two of his countrymen greeted him

"Have you got it?" whispered one. while that it would not be possible to get it in time."

He drew a paper from his pocket and unfolded it before the eyes of his comrades. One of them read aloud words of the secret which they had sought for weeks:

"Four parts chopped beef, one part raisins, one part cider-The nevt night at the Banzai Boys inquet fifty Nipponese, armed with the teeth, landed on some genuine Down East mince ples. With the \$10 paid to her for her treachery American family's cook bought a pair of dancing slippers, not very good.

WHAT WE OWE FRANCE. It Is Probably Nearer \$400,000,000 Than \$772,000,000.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: We noted with interest the letter signed "G. M. M." printed in THE SUN this morning, requesting information re garding the amount of money expended by France on behalf of the United States during our Revolutionary war. In complying with this request THE SUN states that Mr. William D. Guthrie has estimated this amount at \$772,000,000. In the enclosed pamphlet entitled "America's Debt to France," which was re printed from THE SUN of September 3 1916. On pages 9, 10 and 11 you will ind a discussion of the amount actually expended by France from 1776 to 1782

While Ambassador Jusserand in an ntroduction to Perkins's 'France in the American Revolution" suggested that this expenditure amounted to \$772,000, 000, further investigation by Mr. Guthrie disclosed the fact that Mr. Perkins, who was the authority for the Ambassador's statement, had probably meant livres (francs) and not dollars, although the sum of 772,000,000 livres represents a figure much below the cost as shown by the records now available.

In THE SUN of February 4, 1917, Pro Marion of the College of France quotes figures to prove that the amount expended by France from 1776 to 1782 to aid the Americans in their struggles 000 francs (\$400,000,000). Mr. Guthrie also quotes this figure in his article of September 3, 1916.

Mr. Guthrie will be glad to have you nake the necessary explanation of your statement of this morning, as he feel that the further publication of the statement that the amount expended was \$772,000,000 may provoke criticism, and hat every purpose will be served if we recognize that the amount perhaps does ot exceed 2,000,000,000 francs, that is, approximately \$400,000,000.

JOSEPH BUCKLIN BISHOP, General Manager the American Society for the Relief of French War

NEW YORK, February 9.

THE ALABAMA FLOODS. An Appeal for the Relief of Destitute and Homeless Negroes.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir; Cold and want equal to that being endured by the Belgians is now killing off hundreds of negroes in Alabama. Beggared by the recent flooding of creeks and bayous, these poor creatures have no

Owners of plantations in these districts are doing all they can for them. but they need, and must have, help from the outside as well. Money is not asked for; it would help them little under present conditions. The way we people of New York, especially Southerners, can belp them, however, is by sending our warm cast off clothing. Anything and everything of the kind is most acceptable.

Donations of such articles may be sent to my residence, 14 East Sixtyeighth street, New York, and I will take pleasure in personally expressing them who is in charge of this relief work. (Mrs.) HELEN S. WOODBUFF.

New York, February 10.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES. Inconsiderate Shoppers Cause the Non Observance of Holidays.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1 read with interest the two letters in THE SUN of this morning regarding the non-observance of Lincoln's Birthday. This also applies to other holidays, especially in regard to retail stores. The point lost sight of is that the publie is directly responsible for this condi-

Let us remember that every purchase deferred until a holiday has a very strong tendency to prevent the stores from closing on future ones and is an injustice to the hard working employees. CONSIDERATE SHOPPER,

tion through the selfish practice of shop-

NEW YORK, February 9. Not a Kinsman; One of the Family. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1

am flattered at seeing my "Parting of the Ways' quoted on your editorial page by "W, P." of Wayne, Pa., but amazed at finding it presented under the caption "Kinsmen's Voices" and included in a group of poems described as "English Words of Praise for American Soldiers and Sailors," written at the time of our war with Spain. What have I an Englishman of me who was born in and a steadler gait by carrying wood and Greater New York and spend my wak- cost to the demestic hearth. ing hours within a stone's throw of the SUN building? JOSEPH B. GILDER. NEW YORK, February 10.

Worn Out Flags.

out flags at once, by burning or other

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: What Who are the foreign born? Not those Whose pulses to Old Glory thrill, Who would protect it with their blows is the proper disposition to make of a worn out flag? I refer to the flag of the From insuit of a tyrant's will. What though their bodies sprang United States of America. JACOB CHADEATNE. OSSINING, February 10.

Upon a strange and distant strand? Tis here their spirits found their birth They may be destroyed in any suit And they are natives of the land. able way. The practice of the United Who are the native born? Not those States army, a good example, is to save flags with a historic or extrin-

sic value and to destroy other worn What though the ancestry they score Runs backward to the Pilgrim band? wise, so that they may not be out to any degrading use. The destruction

TWO ENGLISHMEN'S EXPOSURE OF "THE FRAUD OF FEMINISM."

band of desperadoes some days since Mr. E. Belfort Bax and Sir Almroth Wright Demolish a Movement Which descended upon the town of Peaceville, Texas, and proceeded to shoot it up Still Moves Serenely On. warned, fled to their cyclone cellars

> no precedent for woman suffrage that is a slim reason for its wholesale world centuries before the birth of Christ: consider Buddhism or Mithrasm. Yet with Christ came new moral values; that is, new in their applica-The condition of woman steadily improved, for even if was called a vase of iniquity by the fathers of the church; even if St. Paul did not overpraise her, nevertheless new value, chastity, came into the world of ideas and conduct. was a step upward. Man is naturally polygamous, we have been told by eminent doctors of wisdom; he still is; he always will carry a harem in head. The instinct of reproduction can never die except with the unias long as they remain sentimental Sold like cattle-as were mer slaves. they finally achieved the high estate of household chattels. Henry T. Finck was right when he placed the birth of romantic love about the era of the Crusades. Another step is chivalry; not the chivalric speeches of met over, who drink to ladies. God bless 'em!" and ther go home and dock their wives of pin money, but a genuine feeling for their mothers, sisters, wives daughters, based on affection and respect. And who shall deny that the the motor impulse in this revolution? The modern movement for the emancipation of dissatisfied femalesa sound word, by the way, see the dictionary-is not young; nor has it culminated. It was bound to encounter kinds of social and - political

weather; the main thing is that it is a movement, that it moves. A rolling which is its chief virtue, its movement ts velocity. In England up to the fatal date of 1914 the movement took on both a silly and a sinister coloring Burning barns, throwing vitriol, hunger strikes and other minor diversions did not endear the suffragettes to their fellow countrymen. The present writer was living in London at time when the unhappy Emily Wilding Davidson literally committed suicide by throwing herself in front of a racehorse at Epsom, and can testify to the widespread dismay over the ocby poisonous theories, believed that the notoriety of her act would break down the barriers of prejudice. She was, as might have been expected was also a chorus of condemnation not of her, but of her evil advisere who in return did not hesitate to as sert that a woman's life should be "rated higher than a jockey's." Actually! But the crazy behavior of this intelligent, gently bred, good looking young woman proved to be an anticli Things had gone too far, and max. even among the supporters of female suffrage the affair was frowned down. No cause was worth such sacrifices, for martyrdom is a glittering humbug; it proves nothing, only that humans can be stubborn; also that the surge and his boastful endurance Tipperary" thundered through titanic yet lives in us. Luckily for America, such violent methods have not been employed. Even voluntary starvation to gain an end has only met with public indifference here. If you can starve a Government into giving you the vote, then the women may ap- that female politicians do not asp pear who will ask to be president in the Land of the Midnight Moon or else tion is unjust—the slegati of ceeds like scandal. Wasn't it Wilde who said that after ten years happy life a woman looks like a public building? Will she ever cry for the

friend of mine came across the following We purposely mention the extreme quotation from Goethe in an English aspects of the suffrage movement because it was in considering them that The Prussian is by nature cruel; civiliza-Mr. E. Belfort Bax has written a brilliant though inconclusive polemic entitled "The Fraud of Feminism," which, correct quotation from "the German Shakespeare" and just where it occurs? read in conjunction with Sir Almroth Wright's treatise "The Unexpurgated Case Against Woman's Suffrage," does is not to be overlooked. Belfort b not leave the movement a leg-limb would be a nicer word—to stand upon. Apply at the Office in the New York And still it moves! as the late Signor Galileo remarked on a certain historical occasion. But if Belfort Bax, well To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Will known in England as a thinker on adyou please let me know through your paper how I can become a member of the vanced social subjects, is severe, he has some warrant, for he witnessed the effects of the sex vendetta in his own country. And an ugly conflict it The Brains and Wit of Mark Twain's Men warring is a hateful thing, but the war of the sexes is absolutely detestable. There is already enough The following story of Mark Twuin is ingrained antagonism furnished by told by his cousin, Katherine Lampton Pax-nature for secret purposes of her own between the sexes; therefore it is play-"After his fame was spread abroad over ing the rôle of devil's advocate to fothe whole world and he was touring the country in company with George W. Cable, who leaves his house before daybear who leaves his house before daybreak. lecturing and reading extracts from his books, he came to St. Leuis. Father of dinner pail in hand, that he is inferior urse went down to the old southern to the wife and half dozen children for be over our heads in the mulcilen Hotel to greet his kinsman and found him whom he labors is rather undiplomatic, sink of psychopathy. as usual at 11 o'clock in the morning sit- though his unselfish daily behavior Had rather confirms the suspicion. To talk and incontrovertible. Everywhere he ever been compelled to make his living about "George Eliot having no vote any other way than by his wits he would and of her garding having one" is and of her gardner having one" is have been a dismal fallure, but his head fairly teemed with 'wheels' and an unanother of the sentimental absurdities dium. This is not so in the ladled out to foolish geese; as Mr. ble imagination saved him from the Bax puts it: "There is not sufficient make such a declaration After talking with my father for a little evidence available that his judgment while he called out to Mr. Cable, who occu-pled an adjoining suite. Oh. George, come even superior to that of George Eliot nothing. At a word from the fame Mr. Cable entered and Cousin Sam herself.

Shoemaker, stick to your last. Men sor Curie pursued his expeand women are born free and unequal. discovered radium. As Nowadays, thanks to the leisure given and with more proporto women because of the labors of querel is the discoverer their males, they are superior to them subsequent "discoveries The Terre Haute woman rounds out her in general culture. It would be a sad in Holland, hardly confin arms by dusting chairs, moving rugs and day in this country if the women assumption of radium brushing down the stairs and sweeping would cease stupid novel reading or Her husband was "of floors. She gives herself a finer carriage patronizing the seven arts. But that shared honors with is patronizing the seven arts. proves nothing; not even that men Becquerel, he first the are intellectually inferior to women; in a word, it is man though, as a matter of record, the made world, ladies, and average woman far outshines her mas- in the day to change man culine complement. The sexes are dif- for women will not make ferent-oh! shining platitude-and all whit happier, nor imprethe king's horses and all the king's made laws that allow the men cannot alter this fact. Neither man in jail for non-support by thinking nor by voting will woman a male jury into condadd a cubit to her stature, physical homicides. Belfort Bax's or mental. She will never carve a of Feminism' is unpleasant Winged Victory, compose a Fifth tary reading. It may and Symphony or a Tristan, invent a new a certain tendency amonceive "Hamlet." Nor is there any rea- dares to disagree with thir son why she should. When you think

If convictions are prisons then prec- it over, not many men boast like ge. odents are prejudices. Because there nius, Genius is always rare. Woman inspires masterpieces, does not execute them, and the legend about her "subjection" during the ages being the cause of her lack of originals is sheer ignorance of biology. Be cause she was oppressed is precise the reason why she should have ble somed with masterpieces. It wa surely a provocative cause for men But why waste words in a barren dis cussion? Women are 'different' more senses than Stendhal imagine and with the old negro camp meetin preacher we should bless the Lord for the difference. As for the vote-it's foregone conclusion sooner or later. Mr. Bax is cruelly logical. He take up the historical, the main dogma

modern feminism, the anti-man cra-

sade, the "injured innocence" fake, the "chivalry" humbug, the various lie and fallacies of feminism, and the psychology of the movement. smashes the accursed sentimental of the "double standard" of moralic and goes for the busybody purity leagues that both in England an America made the life of young h goats miserable because of the solictude over their morals. The truth of the matter is that a book fike this a the one by Sir Almroth Wright can go far without stepping into the stick swamp of sex biology. It is not enful reading, and it demonstrates the the presence of woman in every ne is not an unmixed good. Woman doe not elevate public or political life, not vithstanding her being a prime mora factor at home. Her vote has not im proved either morals or manners. A Emma Goldman writes in a pertinen chapter on woman suffrage: "As I if women politicians have not beer bought! If her body can be bough in return for material consideration why not her vote? • • Woman narrow view of human affairs is a the only argument against her as politician superior to men. Her life long economic parasitism has utterl blurred her conception of the mean ing of equality. She clamors for equa rights with man, yet we learn that few women care to canvass in undesirable districts.' How little equality means to them compared with t Russian women, who face hell itse for their ideal. • • The misfor tune of woman is not that she is unable to do the work of man, but tha she is wasting her life force to outd him, with a tradition of centuries that has left her physically incapable some have succeeded, but at what cost, at what terrific cost. The import is not the kind of work women does, but rather the quality of wo she furnishes. She can give suffrage or the ballot no new quality, nor ca she receive anything from it that w enhance her own quality. Her de velopment, her freedom, her independence must come from and the herself.

of votes for immoral women man votes, why not a bad wom The ineradicable snob that is lodge in the breast of most women r this perfectly Just as the majority of so-called fashioned" women (God must them, he makes so many, as lan might have said) refuse to office. If taxation without represent inist-then vote without office sterile honor. The logic is inescareven admitting that logic is a dod Petticoat politicians have alway abounded. They have been a calami to mankind. Wars have followed their wake, yet there is no denying t above truth. If you ask the average man be " confess that woman is not for

Words of wisdom, these, therefor

worthy of quotation. Miss Golden

market place in all this muddle of p hibition, socialism and howling pu tanism. The major fact that wone wants the whip hand in political quotes an English Cabinet Minister saying: "The real object for white these women want the vote is simply to get rascally laws passed again The hysterical agitation about the alleged white slavery is adduced. Hysteria, indeed, is the budge of the suffragette tribe. Once in power the will not waste words over some storet ing piffle as "double standard" of my rality, it is said, but will abolish pr titution by refusing to call it a sc sin. Ah! the dreamers. A darker me tive runs through the psychology the movement, asserts Mr. Pax as does a writer in the English Review ("Epidemic Hysteria," by Condi-And now we are up to nor armpus, the pathological swamp; soon we all

One statement by Mr. Bus is time

feminist circles you have Must Car

halled as the "dbooverer" scientists smile at you was ever Curie was an invaluable and in Becquerel, so history toll But that shared honors with he

From the Prescott Argus.

general good time was had by all. Man is not a giraffe for about 11 o'clock, when fruit saind when a pretty cirl tribe. From the Galdani Is-

sauce, create a great poem like males to hysteria, coupled "Faust," paint "Las Meninas" or con-

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